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**Estratégias, desenvolvimentos e oportunidades para a produção de SAF –  
Sustainable Aviation Fuel**

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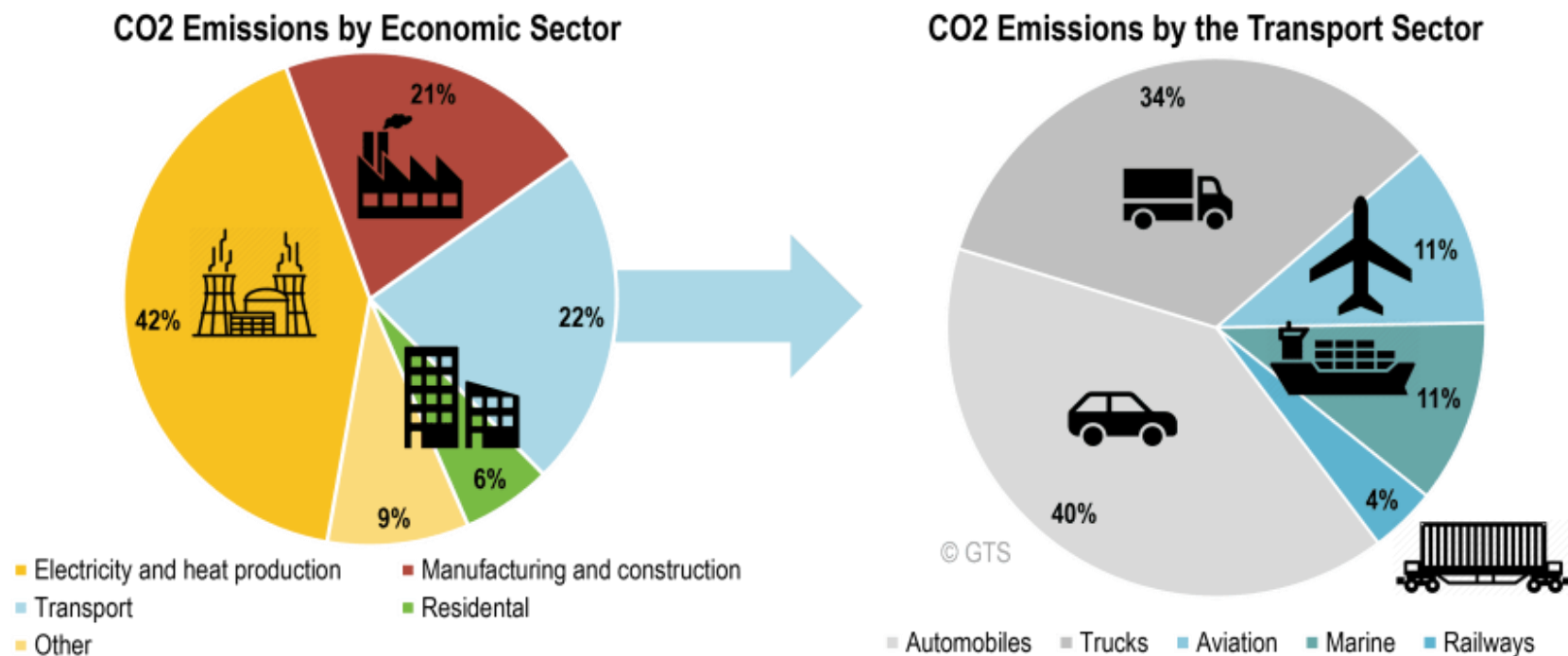
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# 1. INTRODUCTION

What is the problem on the view?

Figure - Global Greenhouse Gas Emissions by the Economic Sector and in the Transport Sector



Source: IEA e IPCC (2014) - The Geography of Transport Systems – (<https://transportgeography.org/>)

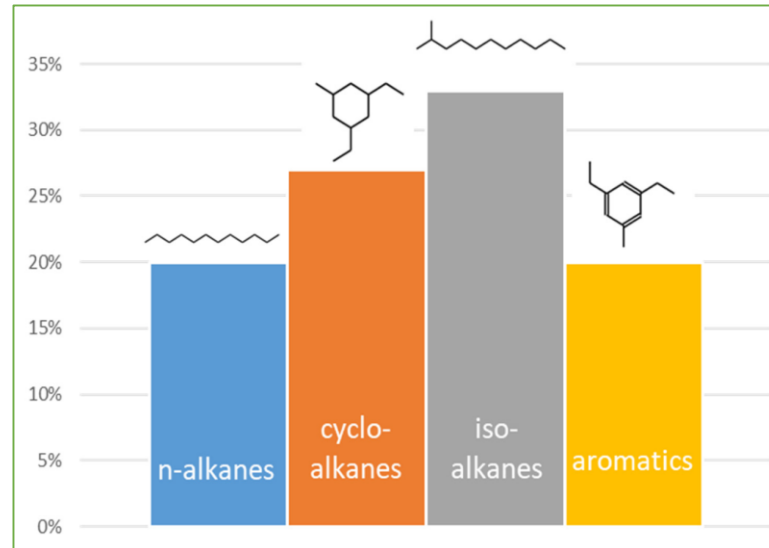
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- Aviation fuels have much stricter physical-chemical specifications (**ASTM D1655-09**) than road fuels.
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## Chemical composition



Source: Díaz-Pérez and Serrano-Ruis, 2020

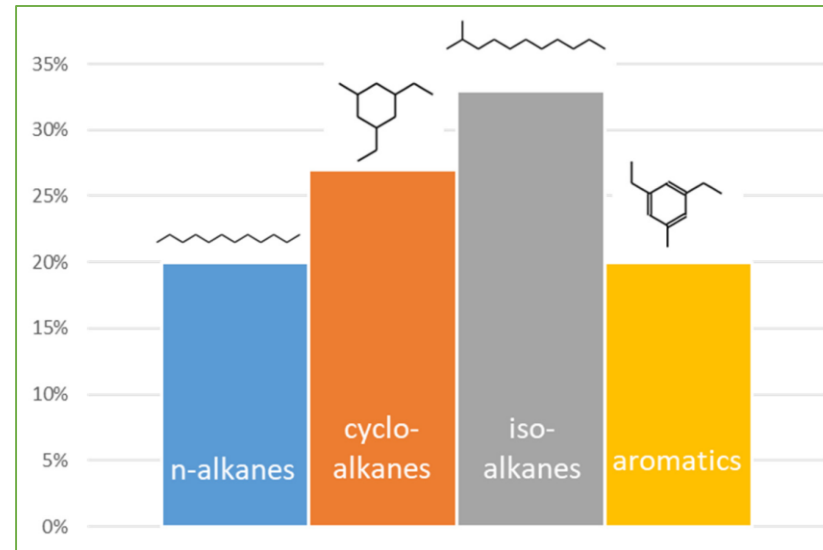
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Sulphur, total, Wt. %	0.30 Max.	0.30 Max.
10% Distillation, °C	205 Max.	205.0 Max.
Final Boiling Point, °C	300 Max.	300.0 Max.
Distillation Residue, %	1.5 Max.	1.5 Max.
Distillation Loss, %	1.5 Max.	1.5 Max.
Flash Point, °C	38 Min.	38.0 Min.
Density @ 15°C, kg/m <sup>3</sup>	775 to 840	775.0 to 840.0
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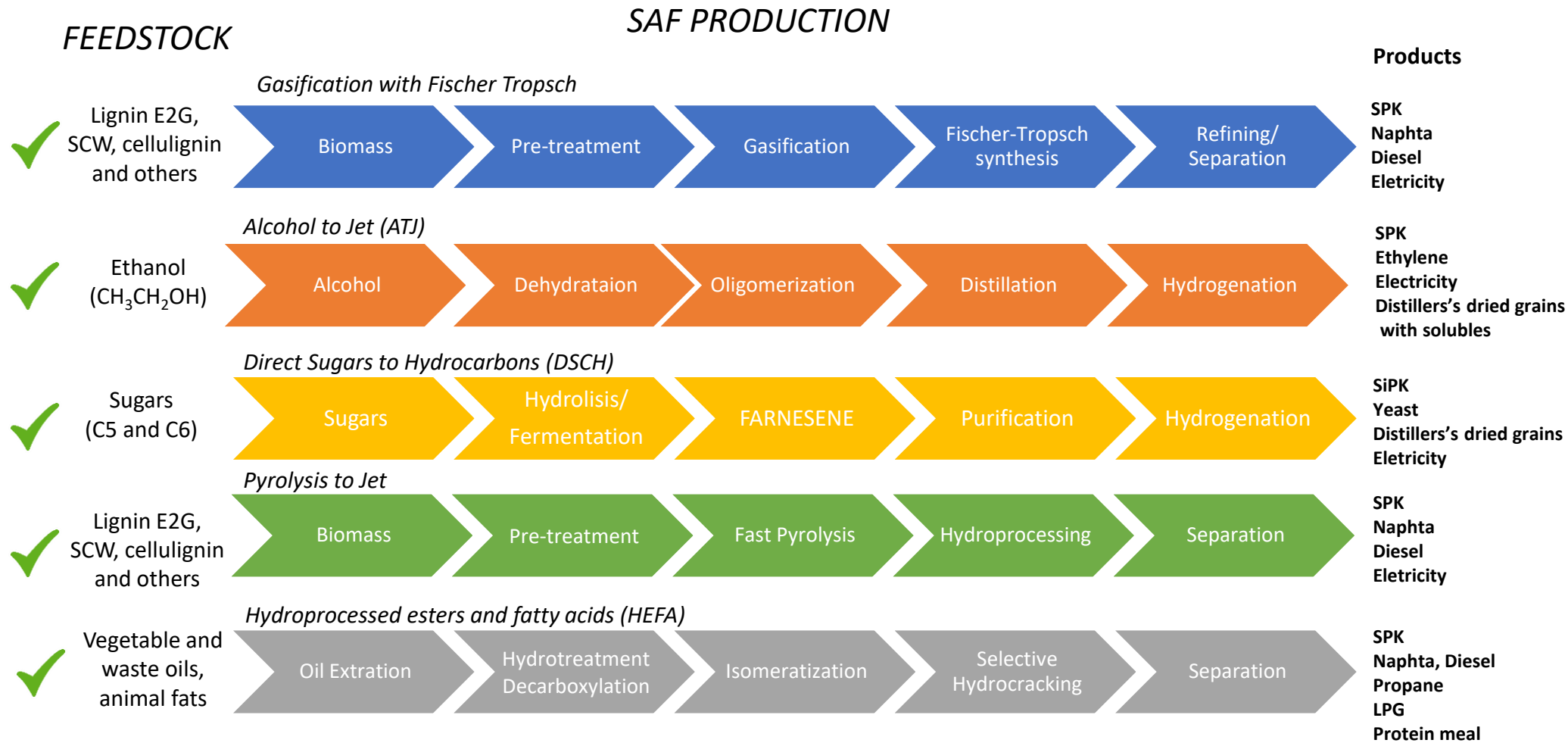
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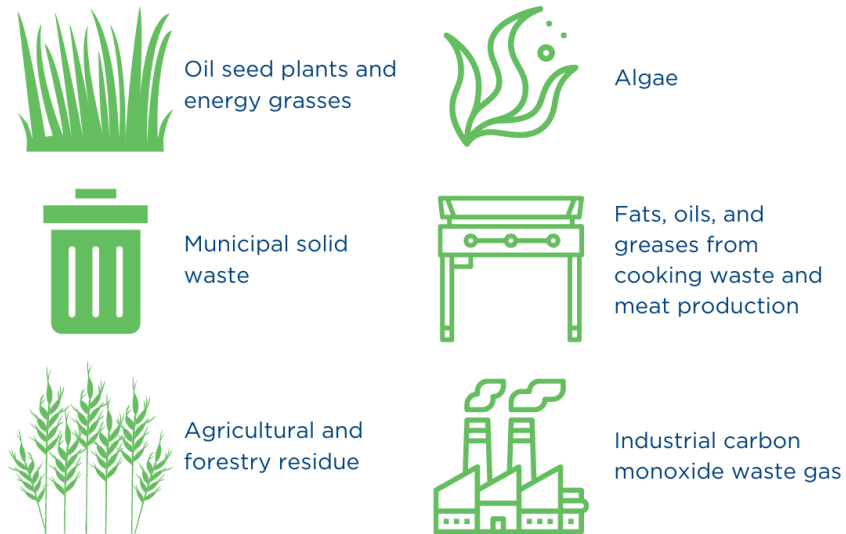
## SAF pathways

How the possible pathways to SAF in the Brazilian cenário?



# 2. FEEDSTOCK

Figure – Feedstock suitable for SAF production



Graphic by Emma Johnson, EESI

Source: eesi.org

Figure – Feedstock families and its constraints



Key: **Main feedstock fami**  
Main production tech

Source: Air bp. (timesaerospace.aero)



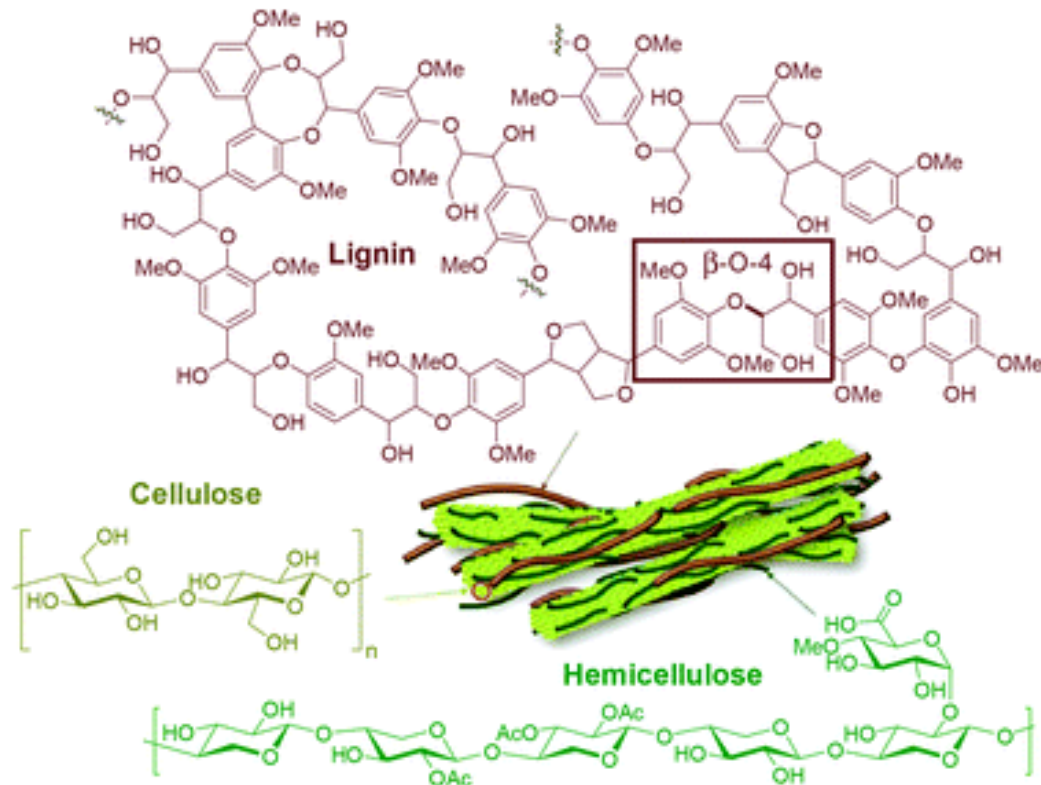


# 3. HYBRID ROUTES FOR SAF PRODUCTION

As the best way to take advantage of the entire lignocellulosic chain (Holocellulose + lignin) in liquid fuels?

*One possible solution:*

## THERMOCHEMICAL + BIOCHEMICAL



*Examples*

- 1) Fermentation of pyrolytic sugars
- 2) Gas fermentation (FT or Fermentation)





# 3.1 EXAMPLE 1 – FERMENTATION OF PYROLYTIC SUGARS

## BIOMASS FAST PYROLYSIS

LIGNOCELLULOSIC  
BIOMASS OR  
ORGANICA WASTE



Thermochemical decomposition of organic matter in the absence of oxygen or with limited amounts of oxygen. This process occurs at high temperatures, generally between 400 - 600 °C at high heating rates



HEAT



Yield – 40 – 70% wt

BIO-OIL

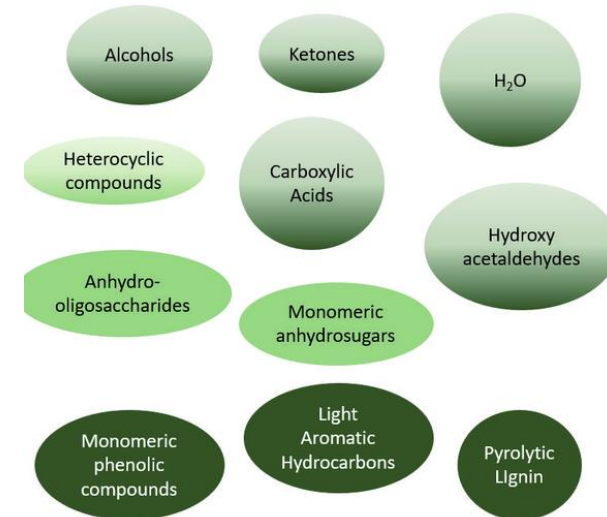
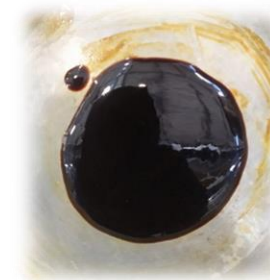
Yield – 10 – 30% wt

Biochar

Pyrolytic Gas

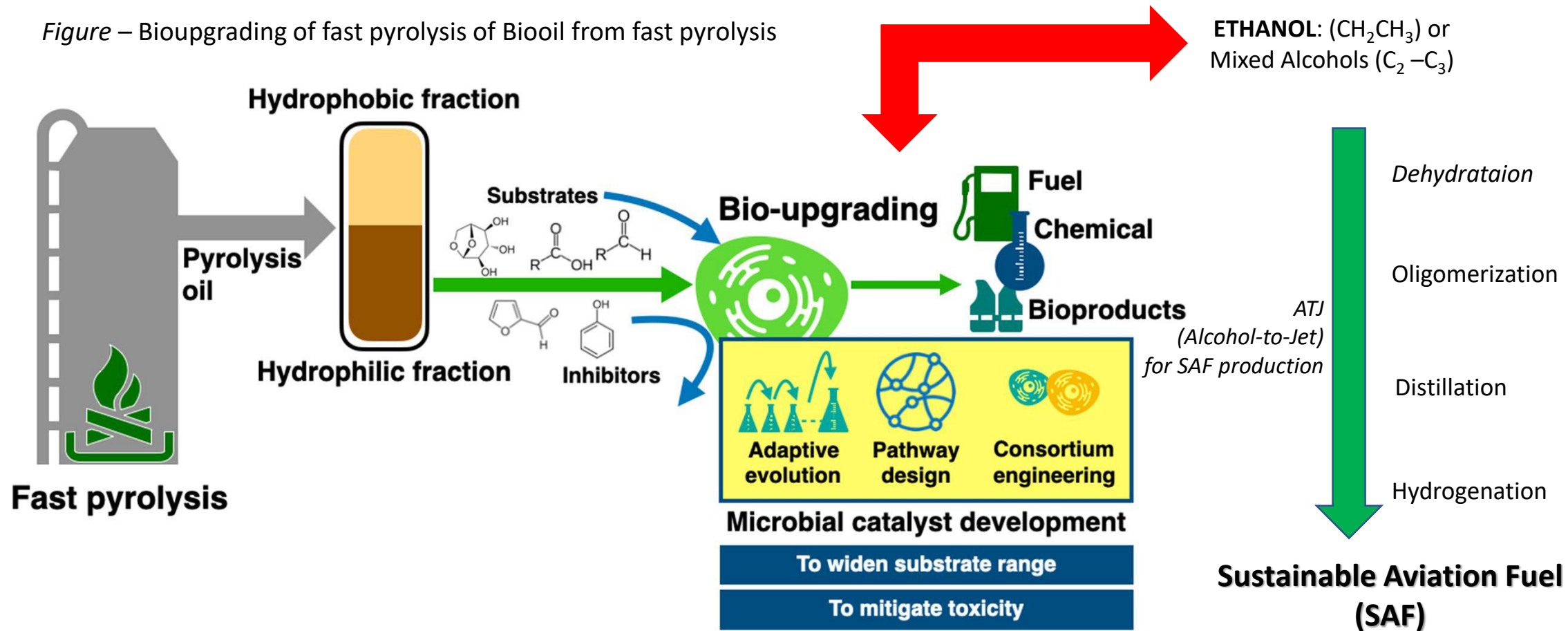
- Bio-oil is the main product?
- What is Bio-Oil?

Figure – Bio-oil from Sugar Cane straw produced in IPT



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Figure – Bioupgrading of fast pyrolysis of Biooil from fast pyrolysis

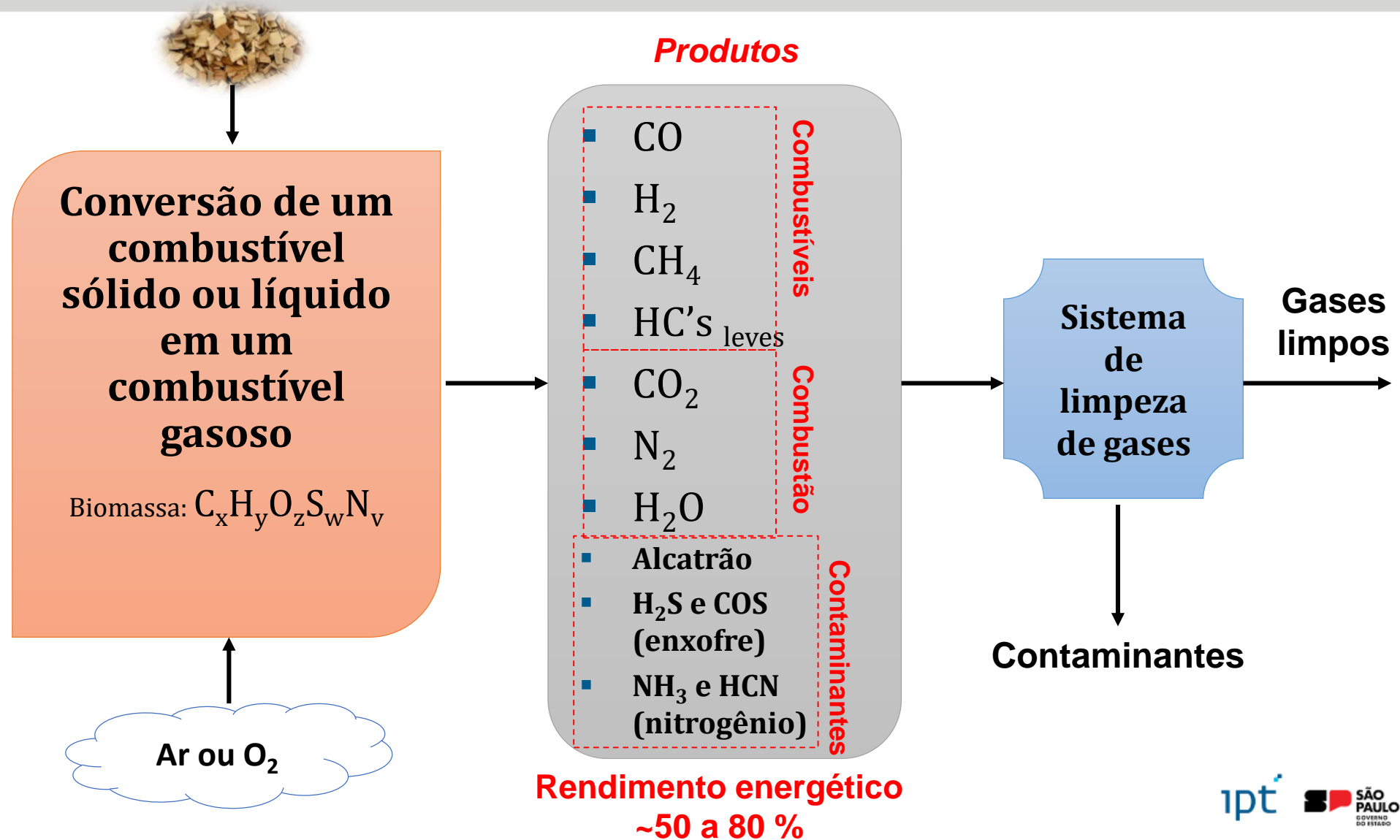


Source: - Adapted from Ashoor et al. 2023

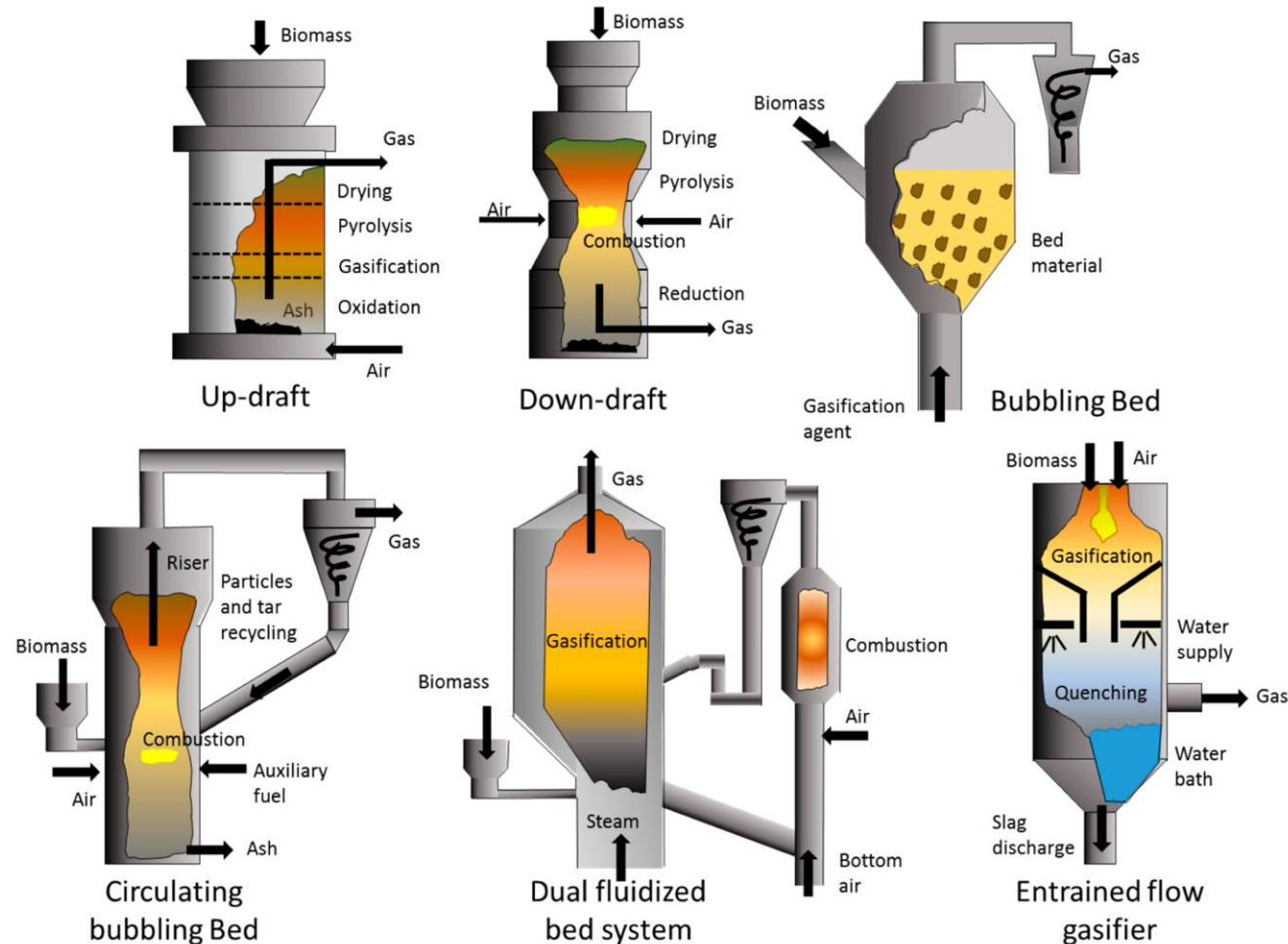


# 3.2 EXAMPLE 2 – BIOSYNGAS (FROM GASIFICATION) FOR SAF

What is Syngas? →  
Its mixture of H<sub>2</sub>+CO  
that can be obtain  
from biomass  
gasification



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Choice depends:  
**Which is the most adequate scale**  
**Which products are desired**

What to do with raw syngas from de biomass gasification?

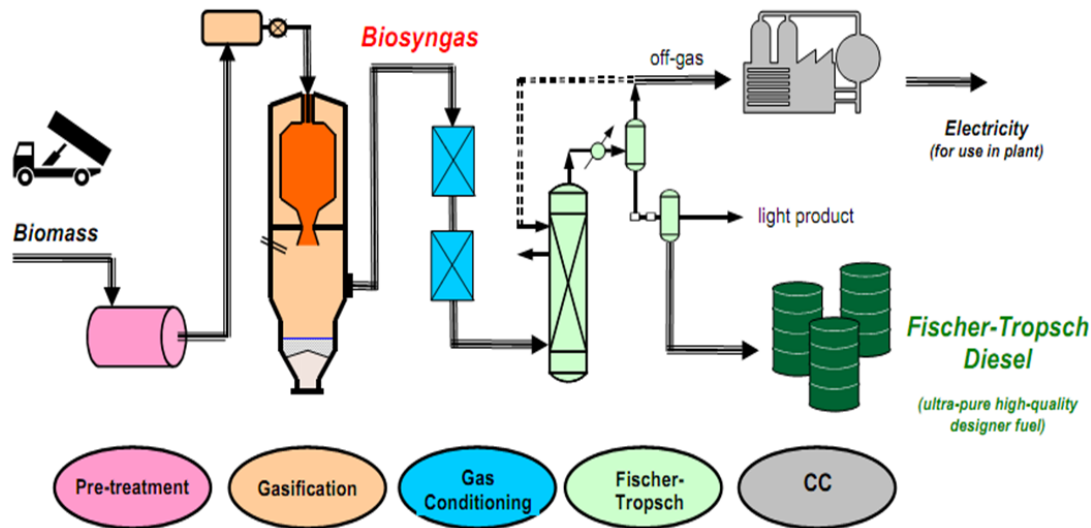


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Cleaned biosyngas ( $H_2 + CO \pm CO_2$ )

## THERMOCHEMICAL – Fischer-Tropsch

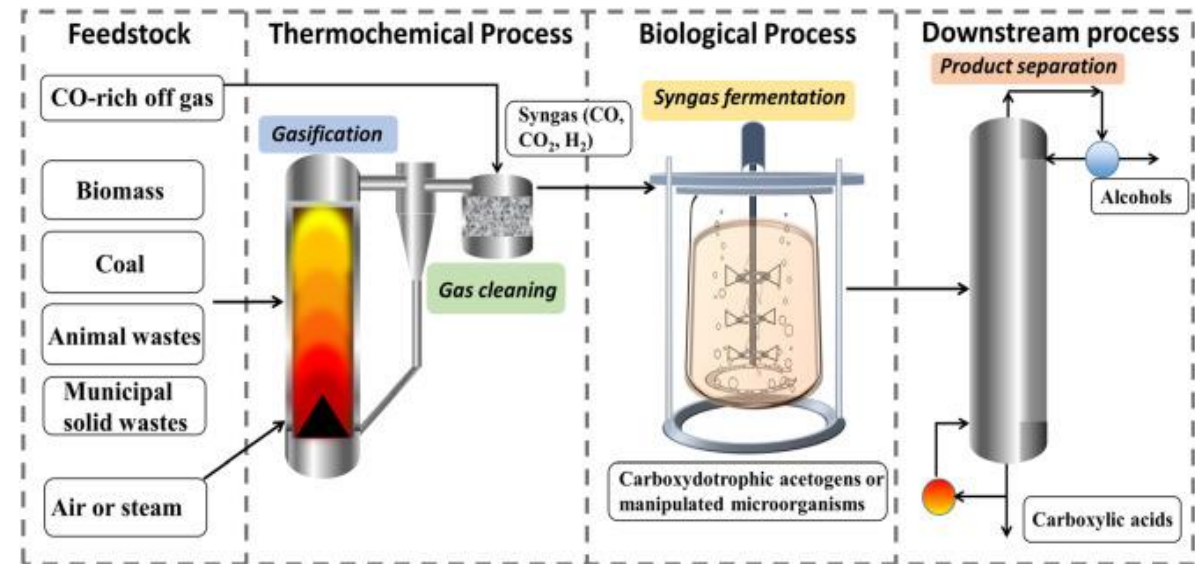
General Process Conditions: Fe or Co supported catalyst, 200 – 350°C,  $H_2:CO = 2:1$ , FB or Slurry Reactor,  $GHSV = 5000 \text{ NL/h.kg}_{cat}$ )



Schematic line-up of the integrated BTL plant.

## BIOCHEMICAL – Fermentation to Alcohols

General Process Conditions: *Clostridium ljungdahlii* Strains, mesophilic range: 25 – 40°C, CSTR, Bubble Column, Gas Lift etc)



Source: - Sun et al. 2023



# 4. REFERENCES AND RECOMMENDED TEXTS



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